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Robert C. Stroebel
6661 Silverstream, Apt 1085
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Dear Mr. Stroebel:

We have received the letter dated June 22, 2002, which you sent to the Utah State Office. Our office has jurisdiction over the lands where you propose to work. The file number we have assigned to your case is UTU-79560. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence.

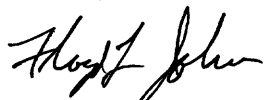
New surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809 regarding surface disturbance were effective January 20, 2001. Under the final rule, any surface disturbance exceeding casual use requires a Plan of Operations. Your letter does not meet those requirements. You must submit a detailed mine plan, including map(s) of the area to be mined. You also must submit a reclamation plan and a financial guarantee.

The financial guarantee must cover the cost to reclaim your operation as if BLM were hiring a contractor to perform the reclamation. The amount of your financial guarantee must include the cost to reclaim existing disturbance, as well as any areas you will disturb under the notice. A detailed reclamation cost estimate must accompany your request to extend your notice. Prior to finalizing your reclamation cost estimate, please call this office to arrange a field inspection of your project area to be sure the cost estimate includes all necessary reclamation activities.

Once the reclamation cost for your operation is determined, an appropriate financial guarantee must be posted with the Utah State Office. See the enclosed information on Surface Management Bond Requirements.

If you have any questions regarding your notice on file with this office, please call Dean Nyffeler at 435-636-3600. Thank you for your assistance in bringing your operation into compliance with the new 3809 regulations.

Sincerely,


Thomas E. Rasmussen
Acting Field Manager

Enclosure
Surface Management Bond Requirements (4pp)

cc: Wayne Hedberg,
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From: <Dean_Nyffeler@ut.blm.gov>
To: "Paul Baker" <PAULBAKER@utah.gov>
Date: 11/5/02 8:35AM
Subject: Re: Robert Stroebe

Stroebe's ostensible operation would be visible next to highway 10 near the county line. The 1/4 section has a well and a road constructed by River Gas/Philips but no other disturbance. A certified letter to the Las Vegas address was returned as undeliverable. Repeated searches for a telephone number were fruitless. A call to the apartment manager led to her telling me she didn't have Stroebe's number and wouldn't give it to me if she did.

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h.gov> To: <dean_nyffeler@blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: Robert Stroebe
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Last July, we received a letter under Tom Rasmussen's signature addressed to Robert Stroebe in Las Vegas. I would like to file it somewhere but don't know where to put it. Is there a mine notice or anything for this? Is there any kind of activity?

Thank you for the tip on Wes Hansen's operation in Emma Park. I was able to meet him there and talk with him about it, and I've issued a notice of noncompliance. The site is just under 4 acres, and he's right on the edge of some state land.

CC: <Terry_Snyder@ut.blm.gov>